

**MINUTES OF THE VIDEO CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING**

**October 27, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll Call**

Kathleen English, Chairperson, called the Video Conference Meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, October 27, 2005. The video conference was held at the following sites: Lincoln Executive Building, Suite 103, 521 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, University of NE Kearney, Communications Center Bldg., Room 250, 1918 University Drive, Kearney, NE and Omaha State Office Building, Room 207, 1313 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of the Meeting Agenda ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Health and Human Services Department of Regulation and Licensure at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

The following Board members and staff members were present at the meeting:

Kathleen English, Chairperson  
Jay Carlson, Vice-chairperson  
Tony Martinez, Secretary

Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator  
Delores James Credentialing Coordinator

Absent: Mel Luetchens, Consumer Member

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Martinez moved, seconded by Carlson, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: English, Carlson and Martinez. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Luetchens. Motion carried.

**UNIFORM LICENSING LAW**

**ULL Rewrite (Attachment A)**

Hansmeyer discussed the proposed changes to the Uniform Licensing Law rewrite, (Referred to as REQ 0138) and the summary of changes. She stated that the summary information does not contain all of the changes to the proposed bill. The summary is designed to give the Board major changes to review in order to give feedback before REQ 0138 is finalized.

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The following changes will take place in the Uniform Licensing Law rewrite:

The name of this document will be changed to the Uniform Credentialing Act because certification and registration are covered in this act as well as licensure. The definitions for these three forms of credentials are found on pages 7, 9 and 10 of REQ 0138.

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Page 3 lists all of the practice acts that are covered in the REQ 0138. What that means is that these are the acts within this act.

Hansmeyer reviewed the following changes, which are found on the summary sheets that provide information on why the changes are necessary and where they can be found in the REQ 0138:

**Initial License** - Gives the boards more authority, it changes the current wording; "Board approves or the board adopts the regulations." The board will approve requirements for licensure such as; the education the person has to have, what examination they have to pass, if they have to have experience and if so, what type of experience, the passing score they have to meet in order to pass the examination, and approval of schools/training. The current language states that the Department with the approval or the recommendation of the board. What is meant by current language is that the Department and the board would have to agree and if they do not, the change would not take place.

Section 55 page 61 gives a definition of the purpose of each board.

Section 68, page 77 gives information on the Department's role of being responsible for the general administration of the activities of each of the boards.

Section 45, page 46 identifies that the cost of operation of the board should be paid from the Professional and Occupational Credentialing Cash Fund and General Fund. The statement on General Fund is for Emergency Medical Services because they are volunteers and do not pay fees.

Section 45 page 46 - The reinstatement language is crosshatched. It was changed, but the boards like the current language. Therefore, the original language will remain in this section.

**Renewal:** Biennial renewal is not a change and it appears on the summary because all of the practice acts have been added to the UCA for consistency purpose.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> part is that licenses will no longer be revoked for non-payment of fees, they will expire. Licensees did not like the term revocation because it would appear on their records permanently and make it appear as if it was revoked for disciplinary reasons. Hansmeyer stated that research was done to find out what other states were doing. Other states were not revoking licenses for this reason.

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The 30-day grace period will be eliminated because it confuses licensees. It makes them think that they can continue to practice until the grace period is over. When the truth is that the only thing that the grace period allowed is for licensees to pay the licensure fees. Reinstatement does the same thing.

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Eliminated the inactive fee, but not inactive status. Individuals can choose inactive status at the time of renewal and not have to pay a fee. The reason for this change is that the fee wasn't necessary because there is no extra work involved in this process and it is the belief that fees should be paid to support cost and if there is no cost, then no fee should be charged.

Reinstatement will not change, except for people who were disciplined. If their license was revoked for disciplinary reasons they could reapply for reinstatement after two years.

**Endorsement and Reciprocity:** Reciprocity in Nebraska does not mean true reciprocity. The word reciprocity means that if a person has a license in one state they can get a license in another state based upon that license. The term, which will appear in REQ is endorsement. It also eliminated the requirement to have practiced at least one year out of the last three.

**Board's Role** Hansmeyer reviewed information on the Board's Role, which gives the board the authority to adopt regulations without the Department's approval for initial licensure standards, renewal standards, passing score, course of study, defining unprofessional conduct and sending applications for reinstatement

**Board Expenses:** the new requirements will provide a per diem to board members for up to \$50.00 per day and the Board can also give a per diem to people who serve on advisory committees.

**Board Composition:** The ULL rewrite requires an additional public member for boards with less than eleven members.

### **Proposed Changes to the Athletic Training Practice Act**

In section 71-1,239.01 delete the definition of department because it is in the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA).

71-1,239.01 This section contains language on exemption and Hansmeyer asked if the Board wanted to add graduate assistant to this section. She stated that she would have to see if the Department would be willing to sponsor this change. She suggested that they keep the statement that is already in this section and make it number 1, and add the following language as number 2 "Also exempt are those people who are graduate assistants who are practicing under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer."

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Hansmeyer stated that if graduate assistants are exempt in other states then she could justify the change.

### **Motion**

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Martinez moved, seconded by English, to add the exemption of graduate assistant to section 71-1,239.01 and to add the definition of a graduate assistant in the regulations. Voting aye: Carlson, Martinez and English. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Luetchens. Motion carried.

Hansmeyer gave the Board new language to review for possible inclusion in the Athletic Training Practice Act. She stated that this language would eliminate a loophole, which she feels is currently in their practice act (Attachment A). C (1) is when a person gets an initial license and C (2) is when a person is licensed in another state.

Hansmeyer gave an example of a person who met all of the requirements for licensure, but did not get a license in Nebraska. Several years pass before the person applies for a license and as the language is now written the State of Nebraska would have to give this person a license without knowing her competency level. The new language would give the Board the right to consider competency and if the Board feels that someone who hasn't practice for five years isn't competent, then this would allow them to write regulations, which would include competency requirements.

C(2) is written for a person coming from another state/jurisdiction and also requires that continuing competency be met after two-year period of licensure inactivity.

**Motion on C. (1) & C(2)**

English moved, seconded by Martinez, to approve the following language: "Any applicant who has met the education and examination requirements in 71-1,241 and is not practicing at the time of application for licensure shall present proof satisfactory to the Department that he/she has within the three years immediately preceding the application for licensure completed continuing competency requirements approved by the board pursuant to section 41 of this act; and C. (2) any applicant who has a license in another jurisdiction who has met the requirements for endorsement in section 37 of this Act and is not practicing at the time of application for licensure shall present proof satisfactory to the Department that he or she has within the three years immediately preceding the application for licensure completed continuing competency requirements approved by the board pursuant to section 41 of this Act. Voting aye: Martinez, English and Carlson. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Luetchens. Motion carried.

71-1,241 Item (a) Change approval of accredited college to Board as required by UCA

17-1,241 Item (2) Change approval of examination to Board as required by UCA

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Repealed 71-1,242 Grandfather clause no longer applies

Carlson moved, seconded by Martinez, to approve the changes to the Uniform Licensing Law and the Athletic Training Practice Act. Voting aye: English, Carlson and Martinez. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Luetchens. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES (Closed Session)**

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Carlson moved, seconded by Martinez, to move into closed session at 1:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing administrative penalties and to protect the reputation of individuals. Voting aye: Carlson, Martinez and English. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Luetchens. Motion carried.

**Out of Closed Session**

Carlson moved, seconded by Martinez, to come out of closed session at 2:15 p.m. Voting aye: Martinez, English and Carlson. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Luetchens. Motion carried.

**Motions on Licensure**

Martinez moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve licensure for Reggie Miller, Richard Sherbeck and Jeanette Santee. Voting aye: English, Carlson and Martinez. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Luetchens. Motion carried.

The Board requested additional information from Jason Ensrud before a license is issued.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen English, Chairperson

Prepared By: Delores James, Credentialing Coordinator